

House Bill 653

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-12-171 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 prohibited acts related to sale or distribution to or purchase by minors of cigarettes and  
3 tobacco related objects, so as to prohibit possession of cigarettes or tobacco related objects  
4 by minors; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-12-171 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited  
8 acts related to sale or distribution to or purchase by minors of cigarettes and tobacco related  
9 objects, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof  
10 the following:

11 "(b)(1) It shall be unlawful for any minor to:

12 (A) Purchase or possess any cigarettes or tobacco related objects; or

13 (B) Misrepresent such minor's identity or age or use any false identification for the  
14 purpose of purchasing or procuring any cigarettes or tobacco related objects."

15 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.